LEHI DRUG STORE STATE BANK OF LEHI JULIAN DRUG DALLEY'S

Constructed: 1900 Address: 98 West Main

Current owners: Wesley/Geraldine Dalley

The original owner of the northeast corner of Main and First West, was pioneer Paulinus Allred, who sold the property to Henry Joyce in 1896. Four years later Joyce sold to Harry Bert Merrihew. Merrihew, a graduate of the Des Moines, Iowa, highland Park College of Pharmacy, was a relatively newcomer to town. He had arrived in 1897 after the death of David Ellingson, proprietor of the Lehi Drug Store. Initially Merrihew established his apothecary at 150 West Main. This proved unsatisfactory, however, and he bought the Joyce property three years later.

The new Merrihew Building, completed in 1900, was a two-story, thirty-by-fifty-foot structure with walls four bricks thick. In 1901 Merrihew converted the second story of the place into a lodge room for the "Odd Fellows" and "Modern Woodmen of the world" fraternal orders.

The Lehi Drug Store had the finest soda fountain in the city's history. The intricately carved walnut cabinet where soda glasses were stored is presently displayed in the Hutchings Museum. This ornate item features a large arched mirror backdrop and a marble counter top

On September of 1917 Merrihew sold the Lehi Drug Store to John Franklin Bradshaw and his brother-in-law, Gerald R. Taylor, for \$15,000. Bradshaw, a wealthy entrepreneur, served as the company's president with Taylor as the pharmacist. Initially the new corporation was known as Bradshaw-Taylor and Company. But in 1919 when the firm traded the Merrihew building to the Bank of Lehi, in exchange for the Lehi Opera House and the Garff building immediately west, it became known as the Lehi Drug Company.

At this time the State Bank of Lehi moved two doors west into the former Lehi Drug Store. To accommodate the bank's continuous growth, a new addition was built onto the north of the building in August 1930.

In 1953 bank officials announced plans to build a new bank building. After the bank moved elsewhere, its former headquarters became Julian's Drug, owned by local pharmacist Paul Julian. Since 1950 Julian's Drug had previously been situated in Alex Jamison's Lehi Bakery building at 35 West Main.

After purchasing the Merrihew Building Julian extensively remodeled the upstairs into living quarters for the Julian family. Downstairs, the main doorway was moved from the south wall to the southwest corner of the building where it now is. A large corner window was cut into the old bank vault, which became a prescription alcove.

Saturday 27 March 1954, was the grand opening of the new Julian's Walgreen Drug. When the store went out of business a decade later, it was purchased by Leonard and Twila Rockwell. They also moved into the upstairs apartment. The downstairs commercial area temporarily housed the Lehi Post Office. When the post office moved into its new facilities, the drugstore became "Jo's Fashions," a beauty shop owned by JoAnn Zimmerman.

In 1973 Wes and Geraldine Dalley, who had been operating their jewelry and gift shop at 72 West Main since 1969, purchased 98 West Main from the Rockwells. The Dalley's established a jewelry store and gift shop. They also invested in the pet fish business and called their place Dalley's Tropicals. Grandfather Clocks became the feature item at Dalley's as they phased out the tropical fish business in the early 1980s.

In 1982 the Dalley's obtained a listing for their building on the national Register of Historic Places and commenced restoring the stately structure in September of 1983. Geraldine's--the new name of the elegantly refurbished store--opened later that fall. It features a collection of Madam Alexander dolls and other gift items.